

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

PROPOSITION 76

~~REBUTTAL TO YES ON PROP 76 BALLOT ARGUMENT~~

According to an analysis by two recent California Finance Directors: "Proposition 76 makes a mess of the state's budget process and destroys our system of checks and balances. It slashes school funding, could force deep cuts in local services like health care and public safety, and gives the governor unchecked power over the budget — with no oversight or accountability."

Prop. 76 wasn't written by budget experts or taxpayer advocates. It was written by the president of a big business group that lobbies for tobacco, oil, insurance and other special interests.

PROP. 76 DOESN'T "STABILIZE" SCHOOL FUNDING. It will cut school funding by over \$4 billion a year and eliminate voter-approved school funding guarantees.

PROP. 76 DOESN'T STOP NEW TAXES. Even the president of the California Republican Assembly says Prop. 76 "actually encourages tax increases."

PROP. 76 DOESN'T HOLD POLITICIANS ACCOUNTABLE OR ENCOURAGE BI-PARTISAN COOPERATION. It destroys our system of checks and balances by giving the Governor unlimited power over budget decisions. He will be accountable to no one.

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PROP. 76 DOESN'T END WASTEFUL SPENDING. The Orange County Register calls its spending controls "phony." While forcing cuts in education and public safety, Prop. 76 actually prevents cuts in programs like the California Dried Plum Board.

"PROPOSITION 76's IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY WILL BE DEVASTATING," warns Ron Cottingham, president of the Peace Officers Research Association of California. "It strips local government of the funding needed for police and fire, health care and other essential services."

PROPOSITION 76 IS "PHONY" AND A "BAD IDEA." VOTE NO.

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